



KY EXCEL Quarterly Update

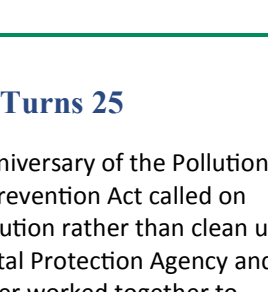
Happy New Year EXCEL Members!!!

We hope you had a joyous holiday season and look forward to a wonderful 2016.

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter. We hope you find it useful to you and your organization. In addition to helpful and interesting stories (below), the newsletter identifies all new EXCEL members or upgraded members and training events (on the right).

In addition to this newsletter, you may have recently noticed, coming to your inbox since November, is the brand new Green Moments calendar!

Please take advantage of the opportunities for training and to improve your sustainability! We wish to thank all of our KY EXCEL members for their continued support of the program and for helping change Kentucky's environment for the better!

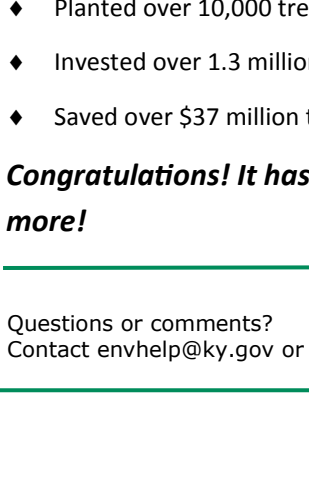


Pollution Prevention Turns 25

Last year, 2015, marked the 25th anniversary of the Pollution Prevention Act, P2. The Pollution Prevention Act called on everyone to prevent sources of pollution rather than clean up downstream. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Pollution Prevention Resource Center worked together to develop a document to highlight the achievements of P2 efforts around the country. Kentucky participated in this effort. A story of the success of Heaven Hill Brands' sustainability efforts was submitted and published. The document can be seen at http://pprc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/P2-Retrospective_25-Year_Final-Draft_20151.pdf.

KY EXCEL Farm Membership Level

KY EXCEL is proud to announce a new membership level: [KY EXCEL Farm](#). EXCEL Farm is open to all individuals and entities own at least 5 acres of land and farm crops or livestock, or is an advocacy group for farmers/agriculture.



EXCEL Farm will recognize farms that are making efforts or seeking to improve the standards of farming operations. The goal of the supported improvement will be increasing the quality of the farm products and decreasing cost of operations while decreasing potential adverse impacts on the environment.

EXCEL Farm is also being established in efforts to promote the reduction of nutrients entering Kentucky's waters. Farms that have 10 acres or greater are required to have an Agricultural Water Quality Plan (AWQP). In an AWQP, a farm identifies specific best management practices to prevent or minimize

nonpoint source pollution, including nutrients from chemical applications and manure, and sedimentation, from erosion. An AWQP is developed to address each farm and the activities that are conducted.

Ten Years of KY EXCEL

This year, 2016, will mark the 10-year anniversary of the KY EXCEL program! Thanks to our members, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is a cleaner, more energy efficient and beautiful place to live. Our members have accomplished amazing things. Below are just a few of the accomplishments:

- ◆ Conserved 131 million kWh of electricity
- ◆ Conserved 95 million MMBtu of natural gas
- ◆ Recycled 2.4 million pounds of aluminum
- ◆ Planted over 10,000 trees
- ◆ Invested over 1.3 million hours
- ◆ Saved over \$37 million through projects

Congratulations! It has been a quick 10 years, and we look forward to many more!

Questions or comments?
Contact envhelp@ky.gov or call 800-926-8111

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New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members:

Advocates

- GleankY
- Kentucky Beef Network
- C.R. & Karen's House-hold
- Goodmann Household
- City of Hurstbourne Acres
- CDP Engineers Inc. & WesTech Engineering Inc.
- The Midtown Building

Leader

- Asahi Bluegrass Forge (Upgraded from Partner)

Training Opportunities

For current training events please visit the following:

